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## A Surgical Instrument

### Abstract

A surgical instrument comprising an elongate hollow probe (1) having first and  
5 second apertures (4 and 5) at its distal end portion. An elongate drive shaft is disposed  
within the probe (1) and is mounted for rotation about its longitudinal axis within the  
probe. A cutting tool (2, 34) is located at the distal end of the drive shaft, and is  
positioned adjacent to the first aperture (4). A bipolar electrosurgical device (3) is  
located at the distal end of the probe (1) in the region of the second apertures (5). The  
10 electrosurgical device includes an active electrode (13) and a return electrode (11)  
separate and insulated therefrom. A motor (6) is provided for rotating the drive shaft;  
and suction means is provided for selectively providing a source of suction at either the  
first aperture (4) or the second apertures (5).